

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association
March 10, 2014

Call to order, 6:30 PM

Present were: Cheryl and Dick Pigeon, Carol Jones, Mike Clark, Sue Ley, Larry Desch, Pete Doherty, Jill & Reed Hardy and our *ex officio* advisory members Diane Auger, Sister Sharon Lasee and Sister Charlene Hockers. Three members, Marcia Gruenhagen, Dan Drossart and Ron Antonneau, were excused.

Quorum established.

Approval of agenda: The motion to approve, made by Reed and seconded by Larry, passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes of last meeting on 11/11/13: The motion to approve, made by Jill and seconded by Carol, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: We have a current checking balance of \$565.60. Our current savings account balance is 4046.19. The motion to approve, made by Mike and seconded by Larry, passed unanimously.

Report by Chris Wagner, Green Bay Public School Board on the upcoming referendum. The request is for basic needs like heating/ventilation systems and other basic maintenance items. Estimated cost of these repairs is \$20 million and all of it will be covered by retiring debt over the next 10 years. In other words, if this is passes there will be no increase in property taxes to pay for it. Six schools, four elementary and two middle schools will be improved if this measure passes.

Report of Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council March meeting: Dick, Jill and Reed attended the meeting. Announcements: a) Cheryl and Andy are both well after surgery. b) The Mayor's comments focused on the upcoming state of the city report.

The remainder of the meeting was quite different from others. After sharing some general information, the meeting moved into informal session to provide an opportunity for members to visit with the representatives of not-for-profit organizations. During the informal session Jill had an opportunity to talk with the co-president of the Red Smith Neighborhood Association (RSNA) who reported that they are working to have lighting installed in their park. When Jill told him about our Joliet Park project he enthusiastically endorsed the project and suggested that our two boards should have a joint meeting to discuss common interests.

Represented among the non-profit organizations were: Affordable Homes Tour (4/12); Baird Creek Preservation Foundation; UW Extension Community Gardens; GB Area Public School

District; GB Housing Authority (203 units including Mason Manor and 50 scattered sites); GB Parks Dept, with handout; Habitat For Humanity (70th home this year, visit their Restore on Ramada Way); Lutheran Churches' Collaboration; Integrated Community Solutions; Literacy GB; National Railroad Museum; NeighborWorks (Home buyer Education, Home Renovations); New Leaf Market; Kroc Center; Volunteer Center (150 agencies looking for help); Neighborhood Volunteer Connection and the Work Camps initiative.

Reminder: Volunteers for upcoming NLC meetings are: Apr 3, Carol & Sr. Sharon; May 1, Mike; Jun 5, Larry; Aug 7, TBA; Sep 4, TBA; Oct 2, TBA; Nov 66, TBA; Dec 4, TBA.

Old Business: Spring social will be on April 29th at the Riverside Ballroom. Troy Streckenback will talk about the planned Technology Park. Details to be determined.

National Night Out Aug 5th: Jill has sent an email to the NNO organizing committee chair but has yet to hear from him. The cost of our spot at a table is up from \$100 last year to \$150 this year.

The collaborative Phragmites meeting involving NDNA and East Shore Drive Neighborhood Association will occur on April 5th at the Wildlife Sanctuary. Watch for more details via email. There may also be a presentation on floodplain issues.

The Joliet Park Planning meeting on February 27th at the Green Bay Hyatt was attended by more than 40 people (See Appendix A below). Following a very professional introduction by Carol Jones the NWTC students who created the Joliet Park plan took turns presenting each aspect of the plan covering invasive species, desirable replacement species, the trail course and features, parking and facilities and a general overview of the importance of this unique park to the City. The next step, a community effort to clean up invasive species in the park, is planned for this spring.

Candidates for the board vacancy: Some ideas were offered. Dick will contact nominees.

University Avenue Development Meeting: We may invite a representative from this group to speak at our spring function.

Next NDNA newsletter: Larry says he has sufficient material for the next newsletter. If someone has a story that they feel needs to be in this issue get it to Larry as soon as possible.

Web site: Larry and Reed continue to plan to attend the technology training class if their schedules allow. An alternate plan was offered by Larry who suggested that we simply call and schedule a meeting with the City's web technology person. Reed agreed, but no firm date was selected.

New business:

General Notes: All are invited to the Mayor's State of the City address at 5:30 PM, March 19th at

the Meyer Theater.

Also, all are reminded of the opportunity to link up with the city police department's crime watch web site. More information about this will appear in our next newsletter.

Carol informed us that the GBNLC (Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council) meeting on April 3rd will be the fund-raising kickoff meeting. Carol is one of two volunteers heading up the fund raising effort. This year all of the associations will be involved in the fund raising effort.

Adjourn: The motion to adjourn, made by Sue and seconded by Jill, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Reed Hardy, Secretary on March 16, 2014.

Appendix A

Below is a partial list of those attending the Feb. 27th Joliet Park Planning Meeting at the Hyatt Hotel in Green Bay:

Jim Schmitt, Mayor of Green Bay,
Andy Rosendahl, Mayor's chief of staff,
Tom Seiber, County Supervisor,
Doug La Violette, President, Laviolette Group,
Brian Danzinger, Green Bay City Council member,
Harry Maier, Chairman of the Green Bay Redevelopment Authority,
Karen Faulkner, Executive Director, Golden House,
James Nuthals, Board Member, Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin,
Dan Spielmann, Special Assistant to the Chancellor, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay,
Jill Dickson, Coldwell Banker The Real Estate Group,
Nancy Chartier, Director of Teaching and Learning, Green Bay School District,
Mark Konlock, Director of Horticulture Botanical Garden, NWTC,
Tony Sticha, Landscape Horticulture instructor, NWTC,
Kathy and Larry Desch, Nicolet Drive,
Jill and Reed Hardy, Nicolet Drive,
Sharon and Pete Doherty, Nicolet Drive,
Cheryl Pigeon, Nicolet Drive,
Mike Clark, Nicolet Drive,
Diane Auger, Point Lane,
Barbara Deshambo and Dan Drossart, Nicolet Drive,
four sisters from the Sisters of St. Francis-Holy Cross Convent, Nicolet Drive,
a number of UWGB students representing university environmental groups, the NWTC
horticulture students who created the plan, and a number of residents from the Red Smith
neighborhood.